Building Grants and Private School Buildings.

26. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What is the largest amount of building grant given to managers of private English High Schools within the last six years (1095-1100) and what is the maximum accommodation for pupils provided in those schools that have received the largest building grant?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Rs. 6,440. This school can accommodate 570 pupils.

Help to Women Sweepers and Scavengers in the Employ of Municipal Councils during Pregnancy and Confinement.

27. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): How many municipal councils have made arrangements for rendering help to women sweepers and scavengers in the form of leave allowances or special grants during pregnancy and confinement?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): None.

Employment of qualified Midwives by Municipalities.

28. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): How many municipal councils have employed qualified midwives for attendance on poor women in labour in their houses?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Three *viz.*, Nagercoil, Quilon and Kottayam. The Alleppey Municipality gives a grant of Rs. 500 to the Maternity and Child Welfare Association which employs two qualified midwives for the purpose in the town.

Nurses and the Rule against Marriage.

29. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (*a*) With reference to the answer to question No. 11, furnished by the Government at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd November 1925, stating that the services of nurses have been dispensed with for violating the rule against marriage, will the Government be pleased to state if they have laid down rules declaring that women in the public service shall not marry?

(*b*) What is the number of nurses removed from the service for having got married?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government have not laid down rules declaring that women in the public service shall not marry; but in the notice inviting candidates for the nursing class, one of the conditions laid down was that matrimony during the training period and during the five years they are bound to serve after final examination will terminate their service.

(*b*) Five.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Are there any other classes of female public servants in respect of whom such restrictions against matrimony, even during fixed periods of service, are imposed?

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